

Malaria tag

Ages: 5-10

Time: 5 to 15 minutes

What you need: 8 or more players, 1 leader with a loud voice, a large area for running.

How to play

Divide into 2 teams of equal size. One team is Mosquitoes, the other team is Kids.

Start with the Mosquitoes chasing the Kids. Mosquitoes hold out one finger like a stinger. If a Mosquito tags a Kid with the “stinger” finger, the Kid has malaria and becomes a Mosquito.

Option, if not too loud: Mosquitoes say, “Buzz, buzz” as they chase.

At some point the leader yells out “Bednets.” Now the Kids chase the Mosquitoes. A Kid runs with fingers spread wide to represent a bednet. If Kid tags a Mosquito, the Mosquito dies and the player becomes a Kid.

After a while the leader yells out “Forgot the bednet.” Again the Mosquitoes chase the Kids and tries to turn them into Mosquitoes.

The leader continues yelling out “Bednets” or “Forgot the bednets” and the teams switch roles.

End the game with Kids chasing until all the Mosquitoes are converted to Kids. (Do not tell the students that the Bednets always win!)